been formulated for political minorities only instead of extending benefit to the socially and economically backward communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

News-item captioned Harassed Entrepreneur seeks Compensation

2503. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the 'Patriot' of the 11th October, 1988 under the heading "Harassed entrepreneur seeks compensation" in the matter of bank not sanctioning loan in spite of the fact that the industrial authorities/district authorities had already cleared the project;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry will be made into the matter and loan sanctioned to the unit; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). In accordance with the statutes governing the public sector banks and as per the customs and usages prevalent among the bankers, the information relating to an individual account cannot be divulged. However, the matter is being looked into.

Increase in Export of Engineering and Electronic Items

2504. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of engineering and electronic items have registered in increase during the last few years; and

(b) if so, what is the comparative figure of such exports during the Sixth Plan period vis-a-vis first of the current plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN the MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Exports of engineering and electronic items did not show bouyancy during the early eighties. The exports have registered an increase in last two years.

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

The export of Engineering and electronics items for the period from 1980-81 to 1987-88 is as under:—

(In Crore Rupees)

Year	*Exports
5th plan	
1980-81.	874·17
1981-82.	1046·99
1982-83.	1175·00
1983-84.	1090·00
1984-85.	1159·47
7th Plan	
1985-86.	1095.41
1986-87.	1150·00
1987-88.	1355·00

*Based on figures of Engineering Export Promotion Council.

Arrests in connection with smuggling of Uranium

2505. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the last two